

SENATOR WARNER: That would be correct.

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SENATOR WARNER: No, that is almost 3.9, almost 4 million, and the Peru educational building is approximately 2.1, almost 2.2.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I am going to speak to it, I think. I am kind of working through this issue in my own mind. I had a nice conversation with Senator Langford about Cushing, but it is somewhat difficult for me to walk up here and to be supportive of the funding for Cushing Coliseum irrespective of how much the money is needed when a month ago I was up here saying that we ought not to put 10 cent...we ought not to approve the authorization of the indoor football practice field for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln until such time as we did right by the academic community. Well, we have now got another situation at hand where we are being asked to commit \$8.9 million to the funding of a coliseum which is in part used for academics, i.e., physical education training, at the same time used for intercollegiate athletics. Now one of the things that is very irritating to me about this bill, and I have already been expressing myself to some of the senators on it, is that this bill is to be financed by the cigarette tax increase in part that you voted for and I voted for and you worked on and I worked on, and yet several of this very bill sponsors could never bring themselves to vote for the cigarette tax increase. So I find it interesting that we are being asked, you know on the other hand, there is some of us in here who have got to labor in the vineyard to increase the taxes, and then there are others who drink the wine. And they never once labored in the vineyard to increase the taxes, and that is the real case on 218A. I, personally, am having a very difficult time in supporting it. I think the Morrill Hall renovation is necessary. I have always been a supporter of that. When it comes to Cushing Coliseum, I am not so confident this is the right time given our reticence in doing right by academic salaries, and until we can face what is needed to be done in the academic area with tax increases and appropriation of dollars to the academic arena, I don't know how we can go about supporting